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Westbrook Auditorium

Presser Hall

August 31, 2011

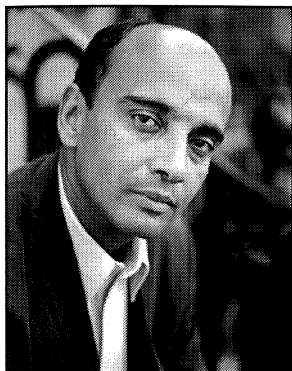
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Celebrating the New Academic Year

PROGRAM

President Richard F. Wilson, *Presiding*

Prelude <i>(Please stand as the platform party enters)</i> Prelude and Fugue Op. 37, No. 2 Andante con moto	Doris Hill Organist Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
Invocation for the New Year <i>(remain standing)</i>	Elyse Nelson Winger University Chaplain
Welcome	Richard F. Wilson President
Greetings from the Student Senate	Stephen Lessaris '12 President, Student Senate
Special Music Automne, Op. 18 No. 3	Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)
	Ashleen Davey '14, vocalist Eva Ferguson, pianist
Introduction of Speaker	Jonathan Green Provost and Dean of the Faculty
Address "Cosmopolitanism: Culture and Identity in Modern America"	Kwame Anthony Appiah
Alma Wesleyana <i>(please stand and join in singing led by Ms. Davey)</i>	Ms. Hill
	NATIONAL HYMN George William Warren (1828-1902)
From hearts aflame, our love we pledge to thee, Where'er we wander, over land or sea; Through time unending, loyal we will be— True to our Alma Mater, Wesleyan. When college days are fully past and gone, While life endures, from twilight gleam til dawn, Grandly thy soul shall with us linger on— Star-crowned, our Alma Mater, Wesleyan. —Professor W. E. Schultz (1935)	
Postlude <i>(remain standing)</i> Sonata II, Op. 65 Allegro maestoso e vivace	Ms. Hill Felix Mendelssohn



KWAME ANTHONY APPIAH

The Laurance S. Rockefeller University Professor
of Philosophy and University Center for Human
Values

Princeton University

Finding a common thread within a vast and differing world is the cause of Dr. Kwame Anthony Appiah, the Laurance S. Rockefeller University Professor of Philosophy at Princeton University.

For Dr. Appiah, balancing the demands of separate cultural identities and shared humanity can be unearthed through the art of exchanging thoughts and challenging ideas in conversation.

Through his many scholarly works, Dr. Appiah argues humanity can discover the ties that bind us through pure philosophical interactions. "There's a traditional image of the philosopher as someone locked away in her study, attending to her own mental life," he said. "But that's not a great way to pursue philosophy, and that's not really how it's been done in the past."

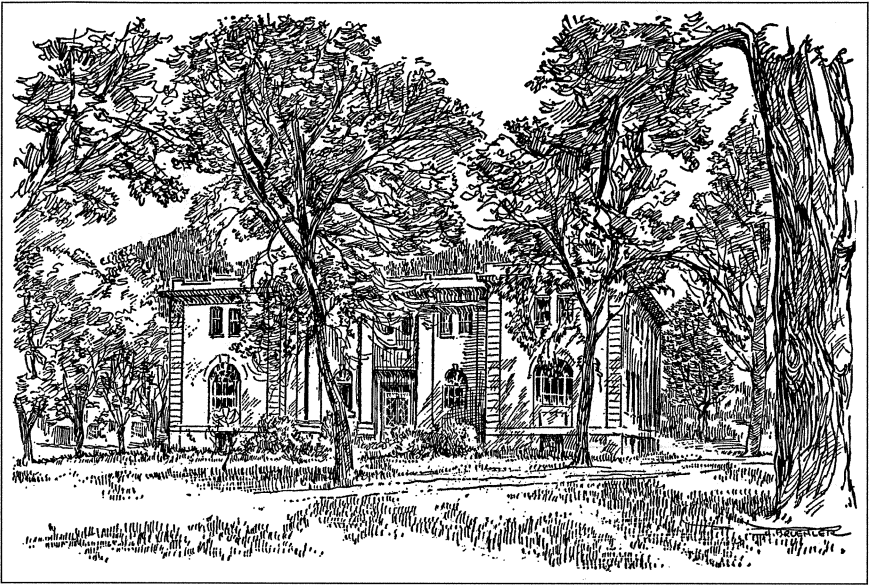
Dr. Appiah's famed 2007 work *Cosmopolitanism: Ethics in a World of Strangers*, won the Arthur Ross Award of the Council on Foreign Relations. A reviewer declared the author understood that "there are more binding similarities in a united world. The prime thrust of his argument is that many people of cosmopolitan temperament are not necessarily from the elite spectrum of their societies or for that matter, of the world. He is of the view that in a world full of strangers, Cosmopolitanism is a universal trait of humankind. This is basically an ancient philosophy, but one which may still be in dire need of a contemporary validation."

Named by *Foreign Policy* magazine as one of the top 100 global thinkers in 2010 "for forging a code of ethics to fit a globalized world," Dr. Appiah is a graduate of Cambridge University, earning his doctorate in 1982. Since graduation he has taught in Germany, France, South Africa and the United States at universities including Harvard, Duke and Cornell.

A prolific writer, Dr. Appiah has published widely about ethics, African and black cultural studies, racial identity, political theory and philosophy of the mind. The author of celebrated books, Dr. Appiah's works include *In My Father's House: Africa in the Philosophy of Culture*, which won the Annisfield-Wolf Book Award and the Herskovitz Award of the African Studies Association; *Color Conscious: The Political Morality of Race*; and *Experiments in Ethics*. His newest book, *The Honor Code: How Moral Revolutions Happen*, reveals the various dimensions of honor as it relates to notions of respect, shame and dignity.

Dr. Appiah is the general editor of the Amnesty International Global Ethics Series, published by W. W. Norton. Along with Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Dr. Appiah edited the *Encarta Africana* CD-ROM encyclopedia, published by Microsoft. He has edited nearly two dozen books and contributed works to publications such as the *Journal of Social Philosophy*, the *New York Review of Books* and *Global Agenda*.

SCIENCE HALL



From a 1931 booklet of pen sketches:

*“THIS BUILDING WAS MADE POSSIBLE LARGELY
BY A GIFT OF ANDREW CARNEGIE IN 1910 AND
HAS CONSTANTLY BEEN KEPT MODERN IN
EVERY RESPECT DURING THE PAST TWENTY
YEARS. CHEMISTRY, BIOLOGY, ZOOLOGY, AND
PHYSICS DEPARTMENTS ARE QUARTERED IN
THIS ATTRACTIVE BUILDING.”*

*The Edgar M. Stevenson Hall of Nursing, formerly known
as Science Hall, was dedicated on October 9, 1965.*



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